A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER IPC 7 B02C19/06 B02C13/00 B02C23/18 B02C23/08 B01J2/00 According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and iPC B. FIELDS SEARCHED Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols) B02C B01J Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used) EPO-Internal, WPI Data, PAJ C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages Category ° Relevant to claim No. X EP 0 179 943 A (FREUNT IND CO LTD) 1-3. 7 May 1986 (1986-05-07) 6-10. 12-15,18the whole document X US 3 491 953 A (STEPHANOFF NICHOLAS N) 1-3, 27 January 1970 (1970-01-27) 6-10 12-15 column 3, line 6 -column 6, line 64; figure X GB 1 253 067 A (S. JOUFFROY) 1,2,4-6,10 November 1971 (1971-11-10) 8-10,12, 13,16-18 the whole document X Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C. Patent family members are listed in annex. Special categories of cited documents: "T" later document published after the International filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the "A" document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance "E" earlier document but published on or after the international "X" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone filing date "L" document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified) "Y" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled "O" document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed "&" document member of the same patent family Date of the actual completion of the international search Date of mailing of the international search report 11 May 2004 18/05/2004 Name and mailing address of the ISA Authorized officer European Patent Office, P.B. 5818 Patentiaan 2 NL – 2280 HV Rijswijk Tel. (+31–70) 340–2040, Tx. 31 651 epo nl, Fax: (+31–70) 340–3016

Leitner, J



| men onal Application No |
|-------------------------|
| PCT/EP 03/14244 |

information on patent family members

PCT/EP 03/14244

| Patent document cited in search report | | Publication date | | Patent family member(s) | Publication date |
|---|---|---------------------|----------------------------------|---|--|
| EP 0179943 | A | 07-05-1986 | EP DE | 0179943 A1 3477997 D1 | 07-05-1986 08-06-1989 |
| US 3491953 | Α | 27-01-1970 | NONE | | |
| GB 1253067 | A | 10-11-1971 | BE CH DE FR FR NL | 724541 A 485491 A 1811364 A1 96220 E 1583182 A 6817002 A | 02-05-1969 15-02-1970 26-06-1969 19-05-1972 24-10-1969 03-06-1969 |
| EP 0347329 | A | 20-12-1989 | FR IN CN DE EP | 2632878 A1 174730 A1 1039068 A 68900337 D1 0347329 A1 | 22-12-1989 25-02-1995 24-01-1990 21-11-1991 20-12-1989 |